(b) whether Government is also aware of the fact that big cities of India are in the range of atomic missile of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with such situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Government is aware of reports, including by the Federation of American Scientists, on Pakistan's development of a nuclear-capable, medium range ballistic missile known as Shaheen-II. The reports claim that the missile has a range of 2000-2500 km.

(c) Government carefully monitors all such developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it.

Law for illegal immigrants

1145. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a legislation targeting India and seven other countries which allegedly refuse to take back illegal immigrants convicted of crimes in the U.S. has been introduced in the House of Representatives, U.S.;

(b) if so, whether this law would take serious action against the illegal Indians working in U.S.;

(c) whether India is also considering to have such a law so that all migrants who are overstaying in India could be sent back to their countries; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) A House Bill H.R.5761, proposing to withhold Federal financial assistance from countries that deny or unreasonably delay acceptance of their nationals who have been ordered removed from the United States-and to prohibit issue of visas to nationals of such countries, was introduced in the US House of Representatives on 10 April 2008. The proposed legislation is not specific to any country but of general application. A procedure for repatriation of Indian illegally staying in the USA and ordered to be deported from that country has been put in place and issue of travel documents to such individuals by Government of India is currently under process.

(c) No, Sir. Presently the Foreigners Act, 1946 has adequate provisions to deal with deportation of foreigners who are found to be overstaying in India.

(d) Does not arise.

Supremacy of hyde act in Nuclear deal

†1146. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary of State of America has reiterated the supremacy of the Hyde Act in the perspective of the Indo-American nuclear agreement;

(b) whether it is not against the assurance which was being given in the Parliament till now; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The US president while signing the Law approving the India-US Civil Nuclear Agreement on October 8, 2008, has stated that the Agreement is consistent with the Atomic Energy Act and other elements of US law.

Compensation for fatalities in UN peace keeping operations

1147. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatalities India has suffered in UN Peacekeeping Operations from 1948 to 2007;

(b) when was the first batch of Indian soldiers deputed for UN Peacekeeping Operations; and

(c) whether the families of soldiers laying their lives during such operations abroad, get additional compensation apart from the usual package admissible when the fatalities occur within India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) As of 31st October, 2008, 119 Indian military and police personnel have died in UN Peacekeeping operations.

(b) Indian soldiers were first deputed for UN peacekeeping operations in the UN Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (UNNNRC) in Korea (1950-1953).

(c) The next of kin of military and police personnel losing their lives in UN peacekeeping operations are eligible for United Nations compensation which is not linked to compensation from any other source.

Fishermen attacked by Sri Lankan Navy

1148. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the innocent Indian fishermen are often attacked in mid-sea by Sri Lankan Navy and the atrocities and harassment of Sri Lankan Navy against the Indian fishermen are increasing day by day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of India is either indifferent to the issue or if at all taking action, it is only in name sake;